

Minutes of the Health & Human Services Board & Committee

Thursday, December 6, 2012

Chairs Yerke and Farrell called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Gilbert Yerke, Jim Jeskewitz, Bill Zaborowski, Cathleen Slattery, Janel Brandtjen, Kathleen Cummings, and Jim Batzko.

Board Members Present: Citizen Members Dennis Farrell, Joe Vitale, Mike O'Brien, Dr. Peter Geiss, and Lori Cronin. Supervisors Jim Batzko, Janel Brandtjen, Jim Jeskewitz, and Bill Zaborowski. **Absent:** Citizen Member Flor Gonzalez.

Also Present: Chief of Staff Mark Mader, Health & Human Services Deputy Director Antwayne Robertson, Children with Special Needs Unit Manager Don Daniels, Health & Human Services Director Peter Schuler, Shared Services Unit Supervisor Kathy Mullooly, Accounting Services Coordinator Cynthia Lilley, Senior Financial Analyst Bill Duckwitz, Adolescent & Family Services Division Manager Peter Slesar, and Juvenile Center Coordinator Mike Sturdevant. Recorded by Mary Pedersen, County Board Office.

Committee Agenda Items

Approve Minutes of 11-15-12

MOTION: Brandtjen moved, second by Jeskewitz to approve the minutes of November 15. Motion carried 7-0.

Schedule Next Meeting Date(s)

- January 10

Executive Committee Report of 11-19-12 and 11-20-12

Yerke said the Executive Committee, at their last two meetings, heard reports on the West Waukesha Bypass and the Waukesha County Total Compensation study.

Announcements

Yerke announced the Rideline paratransit service contract will remain with the same vendor as they were the only bidder.

Board Agenda Items

Approve Minutes of 11-15-12

MOTION: Vitale moved, second by Brandtjen to approve the minutes of November 15. Motion carried 9-0.

Future Agenda Items

- Update on Birth to Three (Farrell)
- Periodic Updates on Child Immunization Rates (Vitale)
- Discuss Efforts by the Thriving Waukesha Group to Address Fiscal Challenges for Non-Profit Organizations (Schuler)

Committee/Board Discussion Items

Ordinance 167-O-069: Appropriate Additional State Funding For The Kinship Care Program (Committee)

Schuler, Robertson, Lilley and Mullooly were present to discuss this ordinance which involves accepting an additional \$68,000 of State Kinship Care Funds, based on a higher-than-budgeted allocation, for a total of \$593,000 for 2012. The Kinship Care Program is designed to support a child who resides outside his or her home, either temporarily or for the long-term with a relative (usually a grandparent) rather than being placed in a foster home or other out-of-home placement. The additional funds will provide monthly payments to relatives in the program. Lilley noted the funds are distributed as monthly payments to these individuals to help pay for the needs of the children. These are pass-through funds and for every dollar spent, the County is reimbursed.

To answer Cummings' question, Lilley said they are confident the funds will be spent by year-end but if for some reason they were not, they would not go into the General Fund. Mullooly agreed it would be spent right away. The additional funding was provided because Waukesha County has a long wait list and with the funds, the wait list will drop to under ten. Vitale asked with the Kinship Care caseload increasing, is foster care decreasing? Mullooly said yes.

MOTION: Brandtjen moved, second by Zaborowski to approve Ordinance 167-O-069. Motion carried 7-0.

Ordinance 167-O-070: Modify The 2012 Health And Human Services Budget To Include Pass-Through Vendor Payments And Related Revenue Reimbursements For Children's Long-Term Support (Committee)

Schuler, Robertson, Lilley and Daniels discussed this ordinance which involves accepting \$170,000 of pass-through revenue reimbursements and related payments to vendors for Children's Long-Term Support. Lilley said this is a very complex program and very beneficial. The program provides supervised services to children in their homes who may be diagnosed with disabilities such as autism, Asperger Syndrome, seriously emotionally disturbed, and those with developmental and physical disabilities. The State's 2011-13 biennial budget transferred major responsibility for claims administration from county agencies to the Wisconsin Physician Services Insurance Corporation (WPS) which serves as a contracted third party administrator (TPA). This resulted in a \$3.5 million reduction for vendor payments and related reimbursements from the 2011 County budget. Staff later learned that certain non-medical goods, services, and equipment vendors do not have the capacity to direct bill WPS for non-medical payment processing. The funding will allow these vendors to be reimbursed in a timely manner.

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Brandtjen to approve Ordinance 167-O-070. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of Recredentialing Applications at Mental Health Center (Board)

O'Brien said the Joint Conference Committee on Mental Health met Monday and recommended reappointment (two-year terms) for the following medical doctors: Cary Koholenberg, Jeffrey Follansbee, John Christianson, Manfred Kreuzpaintner, Rada Malinovic, Mohammad Mallick, Malti Patel, Manuel Ramos, Chandra Unni, Terry Jakubaitis, and Shara Grover. O'Brien said the

reappointments of Jakubaitis and Grover are tentative while the committee waits for their credentials to be returned from the State.

MOTION: Brandtjen moved, second by Vitale to approve the recredentialing applications for the above listed individuals at the Mental Health Center. Motion carried 9-0.

Report on 2012 Secure Detention Inspection (Combined)

Schuler, Robertson, Slesar, and Sturdevant were present to discuss the report from the State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections dated October 11, 2012. Slesar commended Sturdevant on running the center and being able to “hold things together and excel.” Slesar said he has worked with other counties to recruit more placements in secure detention. At end of October, out-of-county placements in the Waukesha County Juvenile Center were up 33% over last year. He has worked very hard with his staff to maintain and even improve the quality of services. On the date of inspection, no violations of administrative code were observed. The County’s Juvenile Detention Center is approved for operation by the State with a rated capacity of 18. Areas inspected include records and reporting, health screening and care, nutrition, security and fire safety, recreation and exercise/hygiene and clothing/visitation, discipline, observation of juveniles, programming, and physical environment.

Batzko and Brandtjen also commended Sturdevant. Batzko suggested the report be shared with those counties that use our facility. Sturdevant responded that has already been done. Yerke noted since he has been on the County Board, the center has consistently received positive inspection reports. Brandtjen requested placement statistics for the last three years for secure and non-secure detention. Slesar said he would make that information available.

MOTION: Brandtjen moved, second by Cummings to accept the 2012 Secure Detention Inspection Report (committee). Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION: Vitale moved, second by Batzko to accept the 2012 Secure Detention Inspection Report (board). Motion carried 9-0.

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Brandtjen to adjourn the committee meeting at 1:50 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION: Vitale moved, second by Brandtjen to adjourn the board meeting at 1:50 p.m. Motion carried 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen M. Cummings
Secretary